

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method for the production of filler-containing paper by dewatering a pulp in the presence of a cationic polymer containing vinylamine units and a filler to obtain an ash content of the paper of 3-40 wt%, ~~which is characterized in that~~ wherein

(A) at least 0.0005% but less than 0.05%, by conversion to solids concentration in terms of the pulp, of a polymer obtained by 20 to 100% hydrolysis of the total formyl groups in a polymer having at least N-vinylformamide as a polymerization component is added to the pulp slurry as a fixing agent for

(B) titanium dioxide and/or calcium carbonate.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): ~~[[A]]~~ The method for the production of filler-containing paper according to Claim 1, ~~which is characterized in that~~ wherein component (A) and component (B) ~~described in Claim 1~~ are added to the pulp slurry such that the mass ratio of component (A) to component (B) is of proportions [component (A)/component (B)] = 0.001/100 to 0.5/100 by conversion to solids concentration.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): ~~Use of the filler-containing paper produced according to the method of Claim 1 or Claim 2 as a~~ A base paper for construction materials, India paper or tip base paper for cigarettes comprising the filler-containing paper produced according to the method of Claim 1.